

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST)	ORDER APPROVING
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF)	INTERIM RATES
REVISIONS TO ITS EXCHANGE AND)	
NETWORK SERVICES TARIFF)	TC02-174

On October 28, 2002, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for approval of revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Tariff. This filing introduces new service options for wireless E911 connectivity in South Dakota providing Phase I and Phase II Selective Routing/Automatic Location Identification (SR/ALI). An effective date of November 28, 2002, was requested.

On October 31, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 15, 2002, to interested individuals and entities. Pennington County, South Dakota (Pennington) and Brown County, South Dakota (Brown) filed Petitions to Intervene on November 12, 2002, the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners (SDACC) filed a Petition to Intervene on November 13, 2002, and Minnehaha County, South Dakota and the City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Minnehaha/Sioux Falls) filed a Petition to Intervene on November 15, 2002. At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 20, 2002, the Commission granted the petitions to intervene of Pennington, Brown, SDACC and Minnehaha/Sioux Falls. On December 9, 2002, Qwest filed a Motion to Approve Interim Rates.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 19, 2002, the Commission considered Qwest's motion. Pennington, Brown, SDACC and Minnehaha/Sioux Falls voiced their opposition to the granting of the motion. Staff recommended that the interim rates be approved subject to refund.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-31 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05. The Commission voted to approve the interim rates subject to refund or true-up. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Approve Interim Rates is hereby approved subject to refund or true-up at such time as the rates to be included in the tariff are finally determined.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of January, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner